

Senate Resolution 588

By: Senator Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Don Griffin; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, born Donald Frederick Griffin on March 17, 1964 in Camilla, Georgia, he was
3 groomed for athletic success by his father, a Mitchell County Hall of Famer, and received
4 his first award at age 12, received high school awards for his defensive play, was named
5 "Most Valuable Player," played in the Georgia High School All-Star Game, and was awarded
6 a sports scholarship to Middle Tennessee State University; and

7 WHEREAS, in the proud tradition of his father, Mr. Griffin was inducted into the Mitchell
8 County Hall of Fame in 1999; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Don Griffin is a former professional football player who was selected by
10 the San Francisco 49ers in the 6th round of the 1986 NFL Draft, played 11 NFL seasons from
11 1986-1996, was a Super Bowl XXIII and XXIV Champion and eight-time NFC Champion
12 with the 49ers, and also played with the Cleveland Browns from 1994-1995 and the
13 Philadelphia Eagles in 1996; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a part of the 1987 49ers defense which allowed the fewest total and
15 passing yards of any NFL team and a part of the 1994 Browns defense that allowed the
16 fewest points in the NFL; and

17 Whereas, Don Griffin's community and charity support includes his works with
18 organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes, Cobb County
19 Schools, the United Negro College Fund, and the American Red Cross, and in addition, he
20 has worked on projects to end Cystic Fibrosis, helped feed the homeless, and has been a
21 speaker for different organizations as a mentor for young adults and teens; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin was awarded a Certificate of Honor by the City of Richmond,
23 California, for his community involvement; and

1 WHEREAS, Georgia is very proud to have one of the NFL's champion defensive players and
2 champion for community support as one of its own.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 join in recognizing the two-time Super Bowl Champion, Mr. Don Griffin.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Don Griffin.